



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2022-1614; Airspace Docket No. 22-ASO-28]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Proposed Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Macon, GA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to amend Class D airspace, Class E surface airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Middle Georgia Regional Airport, Macon, GA, as a result of the biennial airspace evaluation. This action would extend the Class D airspace and Class E surface airspace for the airport and reduce Class E airspace upward from 700 feet above the surface surrounding Middle Georgia Regional and Macon Downtown Airports. The extension of Class D and Class E surface airspace at Middle Georgia Regional Airport will not impact the Class D or Class E surface airspace boundaries of Robins AFB. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to:

U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations,  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140,  
Washington, DC 20590-0001; Telephone: (800) 647-5527, or (202) 366-9826.

You must identify Docket No. FAA-2022-1614; Airspace Docket No. 22-ASO-28 at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

FAA Order JO 7400.11G Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; Telephone: (202) 267-8783.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Jennifer Ledford, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; Telephone: (404) 305-5946.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority, as it would amend airspace for Middle Georgia Regional Airport, Macon, GA, to support IFR operations in the area.

**Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to comment on this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly

helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (Docket No. FAA-2022-1614 and Airspace Docket No. 22-ASO-28) and be submitted in triplicate to DOT Docket Operations (see ADDRESSES section for the address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA-2022-1614; Airspace Docket No. 22-ASO-28." The postcard will be dated/time-stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this document may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the comment closing date. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

#### **Availability of NPRMs**

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at [www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for federal holidays at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 350, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337.

### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document proposes to amend FAA Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022. FAA Order JO 7400.11G is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11G lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

### **The Proposal**

The FAA proposes an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to amend Class D airspace for Middle Georgia Regional Airport by extending the airspace from a 4.1-mile radius to a 4.9-mile radius surrounding the airport. Class E surface airspace would also be amended for the airport. Class E surface airspace for Middle Georgia Regional Airport would be amended by extending the airspace from a 4.1-mile radius to a 4.9-mile radius surrounding the airport. The Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface would be amended to within a 7.4-mile radius of Middle Georgia Regional Airport (reduced from a 7.8-mile radius). In addition, this action would replace the outdated terms Airport/Facility Directory with the term Chart Supplement and Notice to Airmen with the term Notice to Air Missions, in the airspace descriptions.

In addition, the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface would be amended to within a 7.5-mile radius of Macon Downtown Airport (reduced from an 8.8-mile radius). In addition, this action would replace the outdated terms Airport/Facility Directory with the term Chart Supplement and Notice to Airmen with the term Notice to Air Missions, in the airspace descriptions.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 5000, 6002, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

### **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### **The Proposed Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

**PART 71 -DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS;  
AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

**§71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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**ASO GA D Macon, GA [Amended]**

Middle Georgia Regional Airport, Macon, GA  
(lat. 32°41'34"N., long. 83°38'57"W.)

Robins AFB

(lat. 32°38'25"N., long. 83°35'31"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,900 feet MSL from the intersection of the Middle Georgia Regional Airport 210° bearing and the 5.5-mile radius of the Robins AFB Airport, clockwise along the 4.9-mile radius centered on Middle Georgia Regional Airport to the intersection of Middle Georgia Regional Airport 065° bearing and Robins AFB Airport 5.5-mile radius, counter-clockwise along the Robins AFB Airport 5.5-mile radius to the intersection of the Middle Georgia Regional Airport 055° bearing, directly across to the Middle Georgia Regional Airport 219° bearing and the intersection of the Robins AFB Airport 5.5-mile radius, counter-clockwise along the Robins AFB Airport 5.5-mile radius to the point of beginning. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6002. Class E Surface Airspace

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**ASO GA E2 Macon, GA [Amended]**

Middle Georgia Regional Airport, Macon, GA

(lat. 32°41'34"N., long. 83°38'57"W.)

Robins AFB

(lat. 32°38'25"N., long. 83°35'31"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface from the intersection of the Middle Georgia Regional Airport 210° bearing and the 5.5-mile radius of the Robins AFB Airport, clockwise along the 4.9-mile radius centered on Middle Georgia Regional Airport to the intersection of Middle Georgia Regional Airport 065° bearing and Robins AFB Airport 5.5-mile radius, counter-clockwise along the Robins AFB Airport 5.5-mile radius to the intersection of the Middle Georgia Regional Airport 055° bearing, directly across to the Middle Georgia Regional Airport 219° bearing and the intersection of the Robins AFB Airport 5.5-mile radius, counter-clockwise along the Robins AFB Airport 5.5-mile radius to the point of beginning. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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**ASO GA E5 Macon, GA [Amended]**

Middle Georgia Regional Airport, GA

(lat. 32°41'34" N., long. 83°38'57" W.)

Macon Downtown Airport

(lat. 32°49'18" N., long. 83°33'43" W.)

Robins AFB

(lat. 32°38'25" N., long. 83°35'31" W.)

Perry-Houston County Airport

(lat. 32°30'38" N., long. 83°46'02" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.4-mile radius of Middle Georgia Regional Airport, and within a 7.5-mile radius of Macon Downtown Airport, a 7-mile radius of Robins AFB, and a 9.8-mile radius of Perry-Houston County Airport.

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